

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



September 8, 2000

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-87-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK
COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE GRANT TRAINING WORKSHOPS

REFERENCE: ACIN I-44-99

This All-County Information Notice (ACIN) provides information on the upcoming Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Training Workshops sponsored by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). These workshops are intended to encourage local agencies to apply for JARC grants, provide technical assistance to potential JARC Grant applicants, and improve the quality of applications coming from agencies in California. These workshops target County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and local transit agencies interested in applying for JARC funds. Last year, Caltrans provided similar trainings throughout the state. This year, Caltrans hopes these workshops will provide potential applicants with a broader understanding of the potential for collaboration with other local agencies, as well as a better understanding of the types of matching funds that can be used and what restrictions apply to these funds. For more details please see the attached invitation from Caltrans, sample agenda, and workshop schedule.

JARC GRANT PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) administers the federal JARC competitive grant program, which provides funding for transportation services in urban, suburban, and rural areas to assist California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) participants and other low-income individuals to access employment opportunities. Caltrans administers the program at the state level by providing technical assistance to applicants and reviewing applications from areas with a population under 200,000. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) assists and collaborates with Caltrans in these efforts. CWDs, local or regional transit agencies, and other agencies that provide transportation services are eligible grant applicants.

The upcoming federal fiscal year marks the beginning of the third round of JARC grants, with approximately \$100 million available nationwide. JARC grants require a fifty-percent local match. CalWORKs/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds are an allowable source of matching funds. Caltrans expects the grant announcement, rules, and applications for the upcoming round to be available in late 2000 to early 2001.

CDSS encourages CWDs interested in applying for JARC funds this year or in the future to participate in a training workshop in your area. CDSS staff will be participating in the training program and available for questions at all of the workshops. If you have any questions please contact an analyst in the Work Support Services Program at (916) 654-1424. Contact information for Caltrans Mass Transportation Program staff is provided in the attachments.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by Jo Weber
September 8, 2000*

JO WEBER, Chief
Work Services and Demonstration Projects Branch

Attachments

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TO: Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies
 Local Transit Agencies
 Metropolitan Transportation Organizations
 Regional Transportation Planning Agencies

Caltrans' Mass Transportation Program is pleased to invite you to attend one of our Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) training workshops. Each workshop will include the following information, though the starting time will vary depending on the location of the workshop:

SAMPLE AGENDA	JOB ACCESS & REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) TRAINING WORKSHOP	Location: Please see attached flyer for workshop dates and times
Time	Topic	Desired Outcome
9:00 – 9:15	Check In	
9:15 – 9:35	The JARC Program	Understanding of the Program
9:35 – 9:50	TANF Funds	Leveraging funds properly
9:50 – 10:05	WtW Funds	Leveraging funds properly
10:05 – 10:15	Other Funds (CDBG, TDA, Hope VI)	Leveraging funds properly
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 11:00	Local Partnerships "Best Practices"	Development of an Area Wide Transportation Plan & matching funds
11:00 – 11:20	JARC 2nd Year Lessons Learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Applications Strengths and Weaknesses 	A greater number of applications funded in subsequent grant rounds

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11:20 – 11:35	After Your Grant is Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earmarks• Certifications and Assurances	Cutting Red Tape
11:35 – 12:00	Questions and Answers	Continuous Improvement

Specific information pertaining to each workshop may be accessed on our website at the following address: **<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/jarcwkshp.htm>**. If you have questions, please contact Stuart Mori at (916) 654-3860 or Nicole Omand at (916) 654-8172.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

ANNETTE EMERY
Senior Transportation Planner Specialist
JARC Program

Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC) Training Workshops

Workshop Location	Date	Time	Address
Sacramento Area Council of Governments Sacramento, Ca	09/18/2000	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Second Floor Board Room 3000 S Street, Suite 300
Metropolitan Transportation Commission Metro Center Oakland, Ca	09/20/2000	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	101 8th Street, Room 171
District 12 Office Park Place Irvine, Ca	09/25/2000	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	3347 Michelson Drive, Room 1117
Cluster Street Maintenance Station San Bernardino, Ca	09/26/2000	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Building C Conference Room 175 West Cluster Street
Mendocino Transit Authority Ukiah, Ca	10/10/2000	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	241 Plant Road
Salinas Maintenance Station Salinas, CA	10/23/2000	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	850 Elvee Drive
Tulare County Agricultural Commissioners Office Visalia, Ca	10/24/2000	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	2500 Burrel Avenue
District 2 Office Redding, CA	11/06/2000	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Basement Conference Room 1657 Riverside Drive

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